A Wolf Among the Sheep

In a world where a collectivist mindset is pushed as a positive attribute, it can prove quite difficult for an individual to overcome. As any attempt to break free of the hive mind mentality, often results in some form of social exclusion. It feels as though the more questions one asks, the more friction one naturally encounters. As though one has broken some form of unspoken rule. For a collectivist mindset has little patience for those who ask too many questions. That is why a collective society tends to exclude soles who dare question the underlying principles of a system on life support. As those who've swallowed the hook, repeat the same propaganda as those who write the scripts. Individuals with discernment will sense the shift in tone, a sense of apathy that is undeniable to hide. This sense of awkwardness is what gives deceivers away.

It might prove difficult to articulate, though once an individual experiences it firsthand, it's presence is undeniable. A slight pause between words where it previously it did not exist. A smirk that accompanies each comment, as though a joke with no punchline. What speaks louder than the out of place mannerisms and facial expressions, is the evasive movement of the eyes. For the shifty nature of the eyes, often convey one's true intentions. No matter how dry one's verbal delivery can be. How devoid of emotion one's tone can be or how rehearsed the script. The eyes usually betray the deceiver's true intentions. As the eyes speak a language of their own. No amount of skillful deflection can evade careful examination. A lack of eye contact while speaking, being the first red flag.

Once an individual spots it, it's difficult to ignore. As it silently sends a message to the mind to pay attention. To prepare for another attempt to sow

seeds of quite despair in the mind. The more receptive one's mind is to the methods employed, the easier it is to side-step these means of attack. For an individual has recognized the patterns and has learned to act accordingly. This unexpected change in behavior, renders numerous efforts to undermine one's state of mind a waste of time. For an individual has had enough time to observe the methods of attack and mentally adjust to counter these attempts. The quite change in the way one goes about life, proving a difficult strategy for antagonizes to overcome. As there is no counter defense to an individual who is wise to the game. Once the strings have been cut and personal boundaries re-enforced, those of hostile intent no longer have access to their prey.